

# Claims

- [c1] 1. A vehicle support structure for storing engine compartment accessories, comprising:  
a first tubular frame member having a transversely extending portion and a longitudinally extending portion;  
a second tubular frame member disposed at least in part adjacent to the first tubular frame member and having a transversely extending base support portion that is spaced rearwardly from the transversely extending portion of the first tubular frame member; and  
an accessory tray secured to the first tubular frame member and to the base support portion of the second tubular frame member.
- [c2] 2. The vehicle support structure of claim 1, wherein the tubular frame members are hydroformed.
- [c3] 3. The vehicle support structure of claim 1, wherein the accessory tray has a base portion secured to the base support portion.
- [c4] 4. The vehicle support structure of claim 1, wherein the accessory tray has a front wall adjacent to the longitudinally extending portion and a transverse side wall adja-

cent to the first tubular frame member transverse extending portion.

- [c5] 5. A vehicle battery support assembly, comprising:  
a first tubular frame member having a transversely extending portion and a longitudinally extending portion;  
a second tubular frame member disposed at least in part adjacent to the first tubular frame member and having a transversely extending base support portion that is spaced rearwardly from the transversely extending portion of the first tubular frame member; and  
a battery tray secured to both the transversely extending portion and the longitudinally extending portion of the first tubular frame member and to the base support portion of the second tubular frame member.
- [c6] 6. The vehicle battery support assembly of claim 5, wherein the tubular frame members are hydroformed.
- [c7] 7. The vehicle battery support assembly of claim 5, wherein the battery tray has a base portion secured to the base support portion.
- [c8] 8. The vehicle battery support assembly of claim 5, wherein the battery tray has a front wall adjacent to the longitudinally extending portion and a transverse side wall adjacent to the first tubular frame member trans-

verse extending portion.

[c9] 9. A battery support structure for a vehicle having at least one battery, comprising:  
a battery tray having a battery supporting surface and a plurality of upstanding walls;  
a first tubular frame member forming part of a frame of the vehicle;  
a second tubular frame member forming part of the frame of the vehicle and being secured to the first tubular frame member;  
the first and second tubular frame members defining a plurality of side supports and a base support, the battery supporting surface of the battery tray being supported by the base support and each of the upstanding walls being secured to one of the sidewall supports.

[c10] 10. A battery support structure for a vehicle having at least one battery, comprising:  
a first tubular frame member forming part of a front end of the vehicle;  
a second tubular frame member forming part of the front end of the vehicle and being secured to the first tubular frame member;  
a base support being defined by the first and second tubular frame members, the base support comprising a lower portion and a side portion; and

a battery tray having a battery supporting surface and a plurality of upstanding walls, the battery supporting surface overlying the lower portion and the plurality of upstanding side walls are secured to the side portion.